



Portland
Research Enhancement Award Program
Director: Linda K. Ganzini, MD, MPH,
Executive Summary for Fiscal Year 2008

The Portland Center for the Study of Chronic, Comorbid Mental and Physical Disorders, located at the Portland VAMC, is an HSR&D Research Enhancement Award Program. The Center's mission is to conduct interdisciplinary research to improve care for veterans afflicted with both physical and mental disorders. The program is under the leadership of Linda Ganzini, MD, MPH and David Hickam, MD, MPH.

The program completed its second year of operation with substantial growth and several new projects funded. We are continuing to recruit new personnel with our core funds and are actively recruiting new investigators. This year's new funding includes two Merit Reviews, one Short-Term Project, one Nursing Research Initiative, and one Core Project as part of a larger consortium.

Measuring Quality of Colonoscopy in VA Medical Centers

PI: David Lieberman, MD

Short-Term Project. April 1 2008 - September 30, 2008

Speech Intelligibility and Recall: Are Inpatients Impaired by Noise?

PI: Diana Pope, RN, PhD

NRI. October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2010

Outcomes and Correlates of Suicidal Ideation in OEF/OIF Veterans

PI: Steven Dobscha, MD

VA HSR&D. October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2011

Measuring Cross Cultural Competence in VA Primary Care

PI: Somnath Saha, MD, MPH

VA HSR&D. Project dates pending.

Information Extraction to Support PTSD Clinical Classification and Prediction

PI: David Hickam, MD, MPH

This is a project in the VA HSR&D Consortium for Health Informatics Research. October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2012

